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Supplemental Amdt. dated July 27, 2004 Reply to Communication of June 28, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9, 11 and 12 remain in the application with claims 1 and 9 being independent.

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed to satisfy the inadequacy noted by the Examiner in the Communication of June 28, 2004. Claim 1 has been amended to correct the spelling of "resign" to - -resin- - in line 7 of claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application, as amended, is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

Applicant believes that there should be no fees required since the fees where previously provided on May 2, 2004 for the submission of the Notice of Appeal and the filing of the Appeal Brief, however, if the Commissioner deems a fee is in fact warranted, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2789.

Respectfully submitted

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I hereby certify that the enclosed SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee", Mailing Label No. <u>EV308125591US</u> and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on July 27, 2004.

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